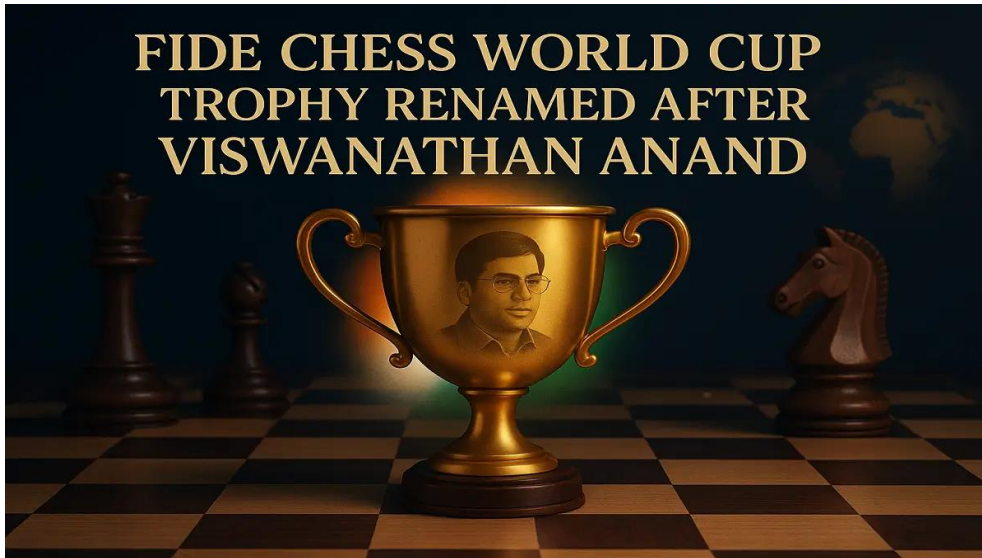


Monthly Current Affairs November 2025

FIDE Chess World Cup Trophy Renamed

- The FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 trophy has been renamed after Indian chess icon Viswanathan Anand. The new trophy will officially be called the **Viswanathan Anand Cup**, paying tribute to the five-time world champion's unparalleled contributions to global chess.
- The announcement was made during a grand ceremony held in Panjim, Goa, attended by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, and FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich.
- **Highlights of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025**
- Indian stars D. Gukesh and R. Praggnanandhaa are among the key participants, aiming to make their mark on the global stage.
- However, Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura have opted not to participate this year.
- The World Women's Chess Cup champion Divya Deshmukh conducted the draw of lots for the event.
- A total of 206 players from 80 countries will compete across eight knockout rounds of classical games.
- Known as the "**Tiger of Madras**", Viswanathan Anand is widely regarded as India's first chess Grandmaster and a **five-time World Chess Champion**. His achievements not only popularized chess in India but also paved the way for a new generation of talents like Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa, and Nihal Sarin.



Why Is “67” the Word of the Year for 2025

- In an unexpected twist, **Dictionary.com** has named “67” — **yes**, a number — as the Word of the Year for 2025. This quirky pick is more than just a numeral. It’s a symbol of Gen Z’s internet culture, a product of meme-driven slang, and a linguistic nod to how absurdist humour now dominates digital expression.
- The term is pronounced “**six-seven**” — **never “sixty-seven**” — and has no single clear meaning, but its viral spread across social platforms and gaming spaces has made it a shorthand for an emotion, a vibe, or a punchline.
- Linked to Skrilka’s 2024 track “Doot Doot (6 7)”
- Possibly connected to NBA star LaMelo Ball, who stands 6 feet 7 inches tall
- Popularised by a viral figure known as “The 67 Kid”, after a youth basketball video spread online



India Sets Three Guinness World Records

- The Union Health Ministry has achieved an extraordinary feat by securing three Guinness World Records™ titles under the nationwide **“Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan (SNSPA)”** campaign.
- Most people to register for a health care platform in one month: 3,21,49,711 (Over 3.21 crore)
- Most people to sign up for a breast cancer screening online in one week: 9,94,349 (Over 9.94 lakh)
- Most people to sign up for vital signs screening online in one week (at state level): 1,25,406 (Over 1.25 lakh)



Women's ICC World Cup Trophy 2025

- The BCCI has yet to finalise any plans for a grand victory parade to celebrate the women's cricket team's historic ICC World Cup triumph.
- Meanwhile, to mark the women's team's historic feat, the BCCI has announced a Rs 51 crore cash prize for the players, coaches, and support staff.
“Harmanpreet Kaur and her team haven't just won a trophy, they've won the hearts of all Indians,” Saikia said, calling the triumph “a new dawn” for women's cricket in the country.

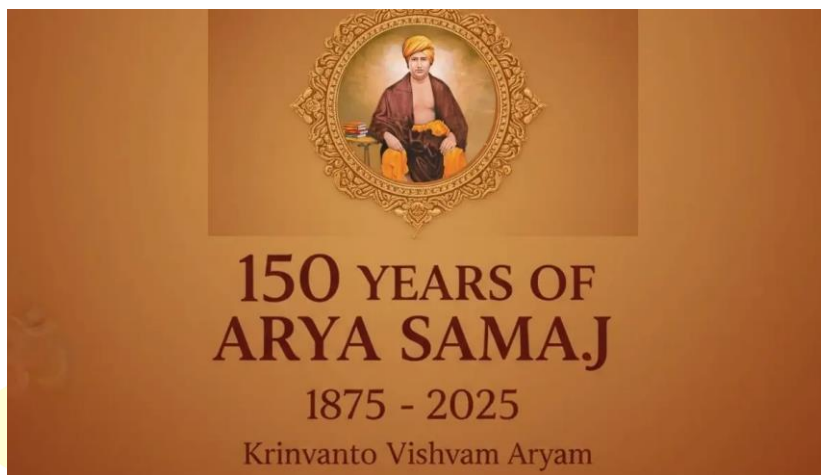
- So far, in **13 editions** of the ICC Women's World Cup, Australia have won seven times, England four times, and New Zealand and India have lifted the trophy once.

S.No	Year	Winner	Winning Captain	Result	Runner-up	Runner-up Captain
1	1973	England	Rachael Heyhoe Flint	England won on points table (20 pts)	Australia (17 pts)	Margaret Jennings
2	1978	Australia	Margaret Jennings	Australia won on points table (6 pts)	England (4 pts)	Rachael Heyhoe Flint
3	1982	Australia	Sharon Tredrea	Australia won by 3 wickets	England	Susan Goatman
4	1988	Australia	Sharon Tredrea	Australia won by 8 wickets	England	Lynne Thomas
5	1993	England	Karen Smithies	England won by 67 runs	New Zealand	Sarah Illingworth
6	1997	Australia	Belinda Clark	Australia won by 5 wickets	New Zealand	Maia Lewis
S.No	Year	Winner	Winning Captain	Result	Runner-up	Runner-up Captain
7	2000	New Zealand	Emily Drumm	New Zealand won by 4 runs	Australia	Belinda Clark
8	2005	Australia	Belinda Clark	Australia won by 98 runs	India	Mithali Raj
9	2009	England	Charlotte Edwards	England won by 4 wickets	New Zealand	Haidee Tiffen
10	2013	Australia	Jodie Fields	Australia won by 114 runs	West Indies	Merissa Aguilera
11	2017	England	Heather Knight	England won by 9 runs	India	Mithali Raj
12	2022	Australia	Meg Lanning	Australia won by 71 runs	England	Heather Knight
13	2025	India	Harmanpreet Kaur	India won by 52 runs	South Africa	Laura Wolvaardt

150 Years of Arya Samaj

- In 2025, India celebrates the 150th anniversary of Arya Samaj, a powerful reform movement founded by Swami **Dayanand Saraswati in 1875**. On this occasion, PM Narendra Modi addressed the International Arya Mahasammelan in New Delhi, acknowledging the movement's immense role in reshaping India's religious, social, and educational fabric.

- Founded in Bombay in 1875 and formalized in Lahore in 1877, Arya Samaj emerged from Swami Dayanand Saraswati's mission to return to the original teachings of the Vedas.
- The movement rejected superstition, idol worship, and blind ritualism.
- **"Back to the Vedas"**: Emphasizing truth, rationalism, and monotheism rooted in Vedic thought
- Motto: "Krinvanto Vishvam Aryam" – "Let us ennoble the world"
- **Ten Principles**: Promoting truth-seeking, universalism, and ethical living



Gogabeel Lake Declared Newest Ramsar Site

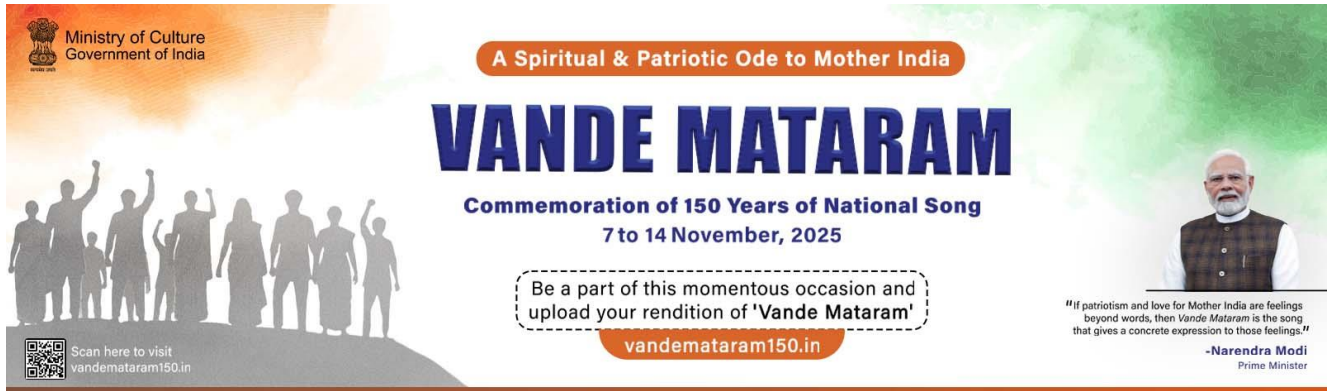
- Gogabeel Lake, located in the Katihar district of Bihar, has been officially designated a Ramsar site, gaining global recognition as a wetland of international importance.
- With this, India adds yet another name to its growing list of protected wetlands under the Ramsar Convention, strengthening its commitment to wetland conservation and biodiversity protection.
- Situated in the trans-Gangetic plains, Gogabeel is a unique ox-bow lake—a naturally formed wetland created by the meandering course of rivers.
- Geographical highlights,
- Flanked by River Mahananda in the northeast and River Ganga in the south
- Lies in the Katihar district of Bihar
- First declared as Bihar's Community Reserve, reflecting strong community involvement in its preservation



Vande Mataram 150 Years Celebration

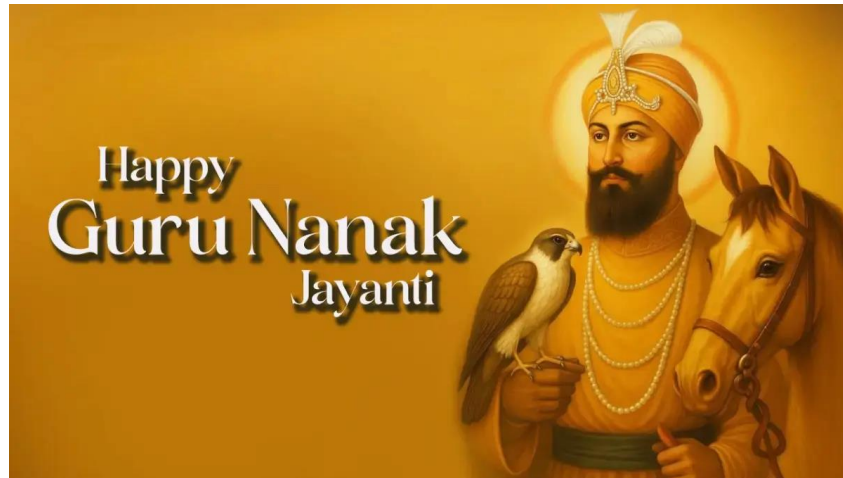
- 150 Years of Vande Mataram is a national commemorative initiative to celebrate the spirit of Vande Mataram and its unique role in the history of India.
- On 1st October the Cabinet approved country-wide celebrations for the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram' to foster an impactful movement to connect citizens, especially our youth and students with the song's original, revolutionary spirit.
- Bankim Chandra Chatterjee was born on June 26, 1838, in Kanthalpara village, located in Naihati, West Bengal. He came from a traditional Bengali Brahmin family. His father, Yadav Chandra Chattopadhyay, was a government official who later became the Deputy Collector of Midnapur.
- Some of his most famous novels include:
 - Kapalkundala (1866)
 - Vishabriksha (The Poison Tree) (1873)
 - Anandamath (1882)
 - Devi Chaudhurani (1884)
 - Sitaram (1887)
- One of Bankim Chandra's greatest contributions to India was the creation of "Vande Mataram," written in **Sanskritised Bengali**. The song appears in his

novel “**Anandamath**” (1882), which depicts a group of monks fighting for India’s freedom.



Guru Nanak Jayanti 2025

- Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurmurab, is a sacred festival that celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first Sikh Guru and founder of Sikhism. It is a day of devotion, peace, and unity, reminding people of Guru Nanak’s teachings about truth, equality, and kindness. The festival inspires everyone to live with honesty, compassion, and faith in God.
- Guru Nanak Jayanti is more than just a festival — it’s a spiritual reminder of how one person’s message can transform the world. Guru Nanak Dev Ji was born in **1469 at Talwandi** (now Nankana Sahib in Pakistan). His teachings emphasized that God is One (Ik Onkar) and that all humans are equal, regardless of religion, gender, or status.
- He encouraged people to:
- Earn an honest living (Kirat Karni)
- Share with others (Vand Chakna)
- Remember God in all actions (Naam Japna)



Sir David Beckham Received Knighthood Honour

- David Beckham—global football legend and former England captain—has officially been knighted by King Charles III, becoming the latest addition to an elite club of footballing greats honoured for extraordinary contributions to the sport and society.
- Beckham was included in the King's Birthday Honours List 2025 and awarded the title of Knight Bachelor for his exceptional services to football and charity.
- Surrounded by his wife Victoria Beckham, who designed his suit for the occasion, and his parents, Beckham received the honour in an emotional ceremony.



QS Asia Rankings 2026

- The QS Asia University Rankings 2026 reveal a sobering trend for India's premier institutions: even as scores improve, rankings have declined—a signal of intensifying regional competition. Among the top 10 Indian universities, nine dropped in rank, with several IITs hitting their lowest positions in years.

- The setback comes as institutions in China, Singapore, South Korea, and Malaysia accelerate ahead, driven by globalisation, better research performance, and superior faculty-student ratios.

QS Asia Rankings 2026: Top 10 in Asia

Rank	Institution	Country
1	The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
2	Peking University	China
=3	National University of Singapore	Singapore
=3	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
5	Fudan University	China
6	HK University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong
=7	Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
=7	City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
9	Tsinghua University	China
10	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong

Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025

- Dr. Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan, Associate Professor of Materials Engineering at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, has been awarded the Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025.
- This prestigious recognition honours young Indian researchers demonstrating outstanding contributions in science and technology, particularly in cutting-edge fields like computational materials science.
- **Significance of the Award**
- **Encourages Innovation:** Recognises and motivates young researchers to excel in applied science
- **Technological Self-Reliance:** Promotes India's leadership in critical technologies
- **Global Recognition:** Positions awardees as pioneers in scientific research with international relevance



Commemorative ₹50 Coin Marks NHPC Limited's Golden Jubilee

- On 6 November 2025, Union Minister of Power, Housing & Urban Affairs Manohar Lal released a ₹50 commemorative coin to celebrate the 50th anniversary of India's leading hydropower developer, NHPC Limited.
- The event, held in New Delhi, also saw the launch of a special comic book "Chhota Bheem aur Bada Bandh" aimed at spreading awareness about hydropower's benefits among children and the general public.
- Established on 7 November 1975, NHPC has evolved from a hydro-centric public sector utility to a diversified green energy powerhouse.
- Over five decades, it has developed some of the most complex and critical hydroelectric projects across India, especially in remote and mountainous terrains.
- NHPC is now broadening its portfolio to include solar, wind, and green hydrogen, affirming its position as a 100% Green Energy Company.
- The Golden Jubilee is a celebration of NHPC's resilience, innovation, and unwavering contribution to India's sustainable energy goals.



India Gears Up for 2026 Tiger Census

- India is preparing for the 2026 All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) — the world's largest and most sophisticated wildlife survey. With India home to over 75% of the global wild tiger population, the AITE goes far beyond tiger counts.
- Building upon the 2022 survey that recorded 3,682 tigers, the upcoming census aims to deploy cutting-edge technology alongside traditional fieldwork, setting a global benchmark for conservation science.
- Survey Name: All India Tiger Estimation (AITE)
- Next Census Year: 2026
- Previous Count (2022): 3,682 tigers
- Coverage Area: Over 400,000 sq km across 20+ states
- Personnel Involved: More than 60,000 forest staff



Karnataka Becomes India's First State with Paid Menstrual Leave

- In a landmark decision promoting gender equality and workplace inclusivity, Karnataka has become the first state in India to approve 12 days of paid menstrual leave annually for women employees.
- This progressive policy, applicable to both government and private sectors, grants one day of leave per month to support women's health, dignity, and productivity in the workplace.
- Under the new guidelines, all female employees across Karnataka — including those in the private sector — will be eligible for one paid day of leave each month due to menstruation-related discomfort or health challenges. This totals 12 additional paid leave days per year.



Bangladesh Becomes First Nation to Join UN Water Convention

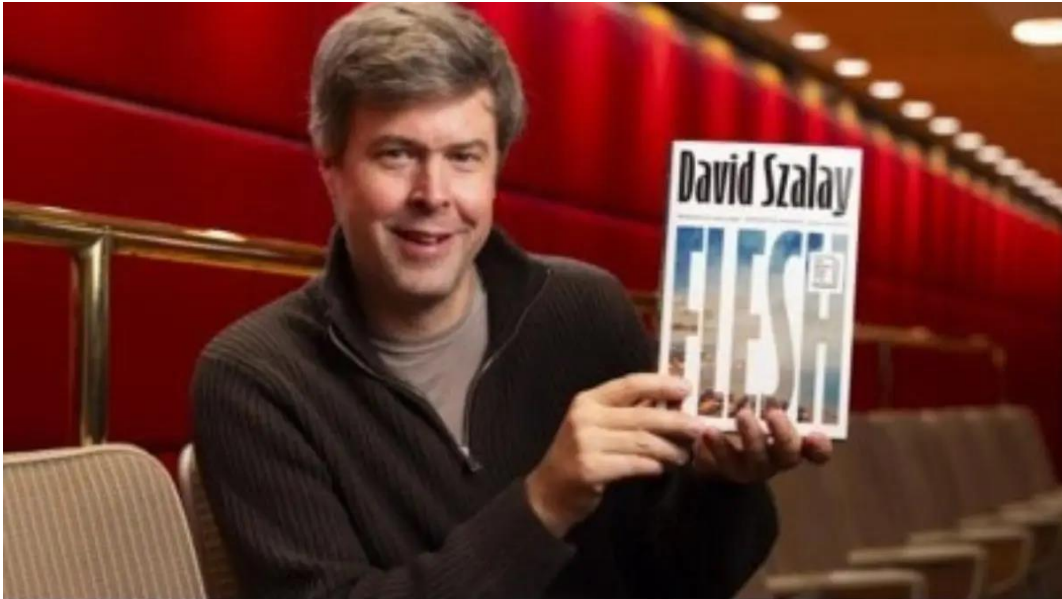
- In a landmark move, Bangladesh has officially acceded to the UN Water Convention in 2025, becoming the first South Asian country to do so.
- This decision signals a significant shift in the region's approach to transboundary water governance and could impact existing bilateral water-sharing dynamics, particularly with India. As global water stress intensifies, Bangladesh's accession represents a strategic step to secure its interests through a multilateral legal framework.
- Bangladesh shares 54 rivers with India, including the Teesta and Ganga, which are vital for its agriculture, drinking water, and ecosystem sustainability.

- India has not joined the UN Water Convention. It continues to rely on bilateral treaties like,
- Indus Waters Treaty (1960) with Pakistan
- Ganga Water Sharing Treaty (1996) with Bangladesh



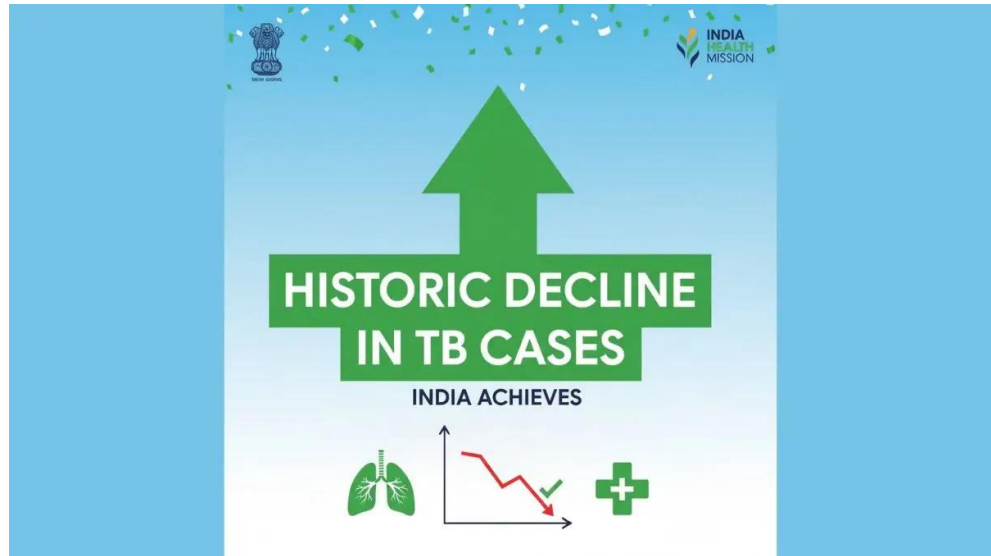
David Szalay Wins the 2025 Booker Prize for Flesh

- In a landmark literary moment, David Szalay, the Hungarian-British author known for his piercing explorations of modern existence, has won the 2025 Booker Prize for his sixth novel, *Flesh*.
- The announcement was made at a glittering ceremony at Old Billingsgate in London, where Szalay received the prestigious £50,000 prize and the Booker trophy from last year's winner, Samantha Harvey.
- The judges hailed *Flesh* as “a hypnotically tense and compelling novel that becomes an astonishingly moving portrait of a man’s life.” With this win, Szalay becomes the first author of Hungarian heritage to clinch the coveted prize.



India Achieves Historic Decline in TB Cases

- In a major public health achievement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded India's unprecedented success in combating tuberculosis (TB) following the release of the WHO Global TB Report 2025.
- The report shows that India's TB incidence dropped by 21%—from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 187 per lakh in 2024, almost double the global rate of decline (12%). Calling it a “remarkable momentum,” PM Modi highlighted the significance of this achievement in realizing the vision of a TB-Mukt Bharat.
- India now hosts the world's largest TB lab network, featuring,
 - 9,391 molecular testing centres
 - 107 culture and drug susceptibility testing labs
 - Over 500 AI-based portable X-ray units deployed nationwide, with 1,500 more on the way
- Services decentralized through 1.78 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, making TB care more accessible



Birsa Munda Jayanti 2025

- Birsa Munda Jayanti is observed every year to remember one of India's greatest tribal leaders and freedom fighters. In 2025, this day becomes even more special because it marks an important milestone in his life and legacy.
- The celebration highlights his fight for tribal rights, protection of land, and upliftment of his community. Across the country, people come together to honour his courage, dedication, and lasting impact on India's history.
- Birsa Munda Jayanti 2025 is celebrated on 15 November to honour the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, a legendary tribal freedom fighter and social reformer. The 2025 celebration is very special as it marks his 150th birth anniversary.
- The year 2025 marks the **150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda**. To honour this historic occasion, the government has been observing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, a year-long celebration of tribal heritage.



Jharkhand Foundation Day

- Jharkhand was formed on **November 15, 2000**. The Bihar Reorganization Act established Bihar as the **28th state of India**.
- The demand for a separate state had been a long-standing one, rooted in protecting the tribal population's rights and identity in the Chota Nagpur Plateau and Santhal Pargana regions.
- Movements led by organisations such as the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) gained momentum post-independence, calling for socio-economic development and self-governance. The state's creation under the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000, marked the fulfilment of a decades-long struggle for recognition and representation.



Jadeja Becomes 4th Cricketer in History to Achieve This

- In a historic moment for Indian cricket, Ravindra Jadeja has become only the fourth player in Test cricket history to achieve the rare double of **4000 runs and 300 wickets**. The feat places him alongside legends like Kapil Dev, Ian Botham, and Daniel Vettori, reaffirming his legacy as one of the game's greatest all-rounders.
- Total Runs in Tests: 4000*
- Total Wickets in Tests: 338 (as of Nov 15, 2025)
- Matches Played: 88

Player	Country	Matches	Runs	Wickets
Kapil Dev	India	131	5248	434
Ian Botham	England	102	5200	383
Daniel Vettori	New Zealand	113	4531	362
Ravindra Jadeja	India	88	4000	338

- Opponent: South Africa

- Venue: Eden Gardens, Kolkata



Marco Bezzecchi Clinches MotoGP 2025

- The 2025 MotoGP season concluded on a dramatic high note as Marco Bezzecchi clinched a historic victory at the Valencia Grand Prix, becoming the first Aprilia rider to win back-to-back races.
- This victory, coming just a week after his Portugal triumph, also helped Bezzecchi secure third place overall in the world championship standings, a career-best finish for both rider and team.



UK Named Country Partner for Hornbill Festival 2025

- In a move that strengthens international cultural ties and boosts tourism in Northeast India, the United Kingdom has been officially named as the Country

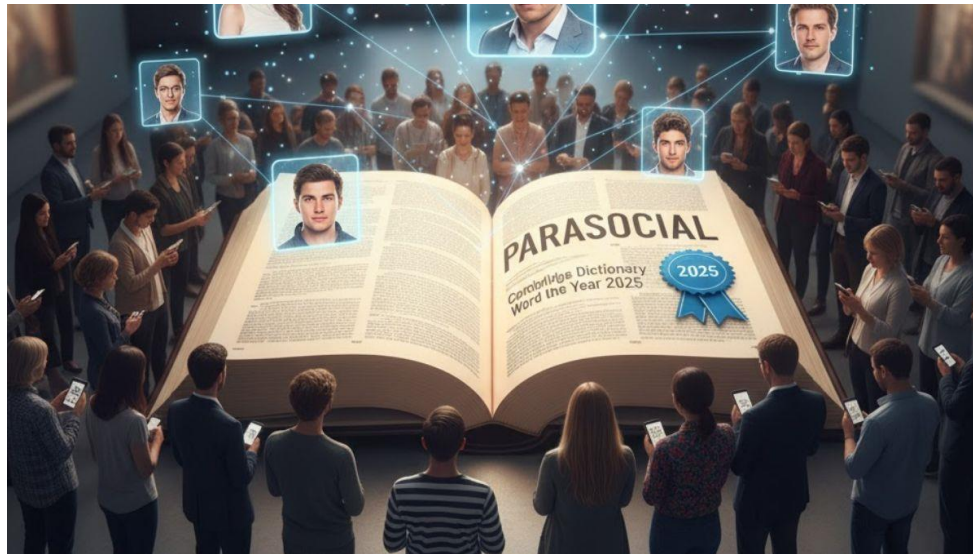
Partner for the Hornbill Festival 2025, to be held from 1 to 10 December at Kisama, Kohima, in Nagaland.

- The partnership was formalized in New Delhi through a signing ceremony between Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and British Council India Country Director Alison Barrett. The event was also attended by British High Commissioner to India Lindy Cameron, showcasing the high-level importance both governments place on cultural diplomacy.



“Parasocial” Named Word of the Year 2025

- The Cambridge Dictionary has chosen “parasocial” as its Word of the Year for 2025, recognizing the growing public interest in one-sided emotional relationships that people form with celebrities, influencers, and artificial intelligence systems.
- This selection reflects a broader cultural shift in how people interact emotionally with figures and technologies they’ve never met, especially in an era dominated by social media and digital companionship.
- Parasocial refers to a one-way emotional connection that someone forms with a person or character who is unaware of their existence. This relationship is common with,
 - Celebrities
 - Social media influencers
 - Fictional characters
 - Virtual assistants and chatbots



Global Climate Change Performance Index 2026

- India has seen a significant drop in its climate performance ranking, falling 13 places to **23rd position** in the **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2026**, released during the UN COP30 Climate Summit in Belém, Brazil.
- The report, jointly prepared by German Watch, New Climate Institute, and the Climate Action Network, highlights India's lack of a national coal exit timeline as a major factor behind the downgrade.
- The highest-ranked countries are,
 - 4th: Denmark (80.52)
 - 5th: Morocco (70.75)
 - 6th: United Kingdom (70.8)
- At the bottom of the list are,
 - 66th: Iran (14.33)
 - 65th: USA (21.84)
 - 67th: Saudi Arabia (11.9)



Miss Universe 2025

- The **74th edition** of the Miss Universe pageant marked another memorable moment in global pageantry. Hosted in Thailand, the 2025 event blended culture, competition, and world-class performances.
- Fátima Bosch from Mexico outshone over 100 participants from around the world. Her confidence, intelligence, and advocacy made her one of the most admired contestants of the night.
- Since its inception in 1952, the Miss Universe Organisation has championed global empowerment by encouraging women to redefine leadership and individuality.
- Core Values of the Organisation
 - Leadership
 - Education
 - Social impact
 - Diversity
 - Personal development
- The host country for the 75th Miss Universe edition has been confirmed — **Puerto Rico**. The upcoming event will mark the silver jubilee edition, making it an iconic celebration in the pageant's timeline.



India Wins Record Nine Golds at World Boxing Cup

- India concluded its debut campaign at the World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, with an exceptional haul of nine gold medals, showcasing a dominant performance, especially by its women boxers. This marks one of India's finest international boxing achievements to date.
- Jaismine Lamboria (57 kg): Defeated Wu Shih Yi (Chinese Taipei) 4-1
- Nikhat Zareen (51 kg): Beat Xuan Yi Guo (Chinese Taipei) 5-0
- Parveen Hooda (60 kg): Overcame Japan's Ayaka Taguchi 3-2
- Arundhati Choudhary (70 kg): Dominated Uzbekistan's Aziza Zokirova 5-0
- Preeti Pawar (54 kg): Defeated Italy's Sirine Charaabi 5-0
- Minakshi Hooda (48 kg): Beat Uzbekistan's Fozilova Farzona 5-0
- Nupur Sheoran (80+ kg): Outclassed Uzbekistan's Oltinoy Sotimboeva
- **Gold Medalists**
- Sachin Siwach (60 kg): Defeated Paris Olympics silver medallist Munarbek Seitbek Uulu (Kyrgyzstan)
- Hitesh Gulia (70 kg): Beat Mursal Nurbek (Kazakhstan)
- **Silver Medalists**
- Ankush Panghal (80 kg): Lost to England's Oladimeji Shittu
- Abhinash Jamwal (65 kg): Lost to Japan's Shion Nishiyama
- Pawan Bartwal (55 kg): Lost to Uzbekistan's Samandar Olimov
- Jadumani Singh (50 kg): Lost to Uzbekistan's Asilbek Jalilov



53rd Chief Justice of India

- On November 24, 2025, Justice Surya Kant officially assumed office as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) after being administered the oath by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. His appointment marks a significant moment for the Indian judiciary, as he brings decades of legal experience and a strong track record of involvement in landmark judgments. His tenure as CJI will run until February 9, 2027, giving him a little over a year to lead the Supreme Court.



ICC T20 World Cup 2026

- The ICC T20 World Cup 2026 is set to bring cricket fever back to South Asia. Scheduled from February 6 to March 8, 2026, this edition will be co-hosted by

India and Sri Lanka, marking a landmark collaboration between two cricket-loving nations.

- After the 2024 T20 World Cup in the West Indies and USA, the upcoming ICC T20 tournament promises even greater excitement, fresh talent, and world-class cricketing action.
- According to the ICC T20 World Cup 2026 schedule, the tournament will begin on February 6, 2026, and conclude with the final on March 8, 2026.
- While the venue for the final match has not yet been officially announced, early reports suggest that Colombo (Sri Lanka) or Ahmedabad (India) are the frontrunners. The choice will depend on the final qualification scenario, as Pakistan may not play matches in India due to bilateral conditions.



Italy Clinches Fourth Davis Cup Title

- In a historic moment for Italian tennis, Italy secured its fourth Davis Cup title by defeating Spain 2-0 in the final, marking its third consecutive championship victory. The triumph cements Italy's position as a powerhouse in international tennis, joining the ranks of elite tennis nations with consistent success on the Davis Cup stage.
- The final was played in front of an enthusiastic home crowd, and Italy rose to the occasion with composed, clinical performances in the singles matches.
- Italy displayed top-tier tennis throughout the tournament, defeating formidable opponents with balanced team strength and strategic clarity.



Max Verstappen wins the 2025 Las Vegas Grand Prix

- Max Verstappen delivered a commanding performance to win the 2025 Las Vegas Grand Prix, closing the gap in the Formula 1 Drivers' Championship standings with just two races remaining in the season.
- The Red Bull driver, who started second on the grid, quickly took control of the race and never looked back, claiming his second win in the last four races.
- 1st – Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing)
- 2nd – Lando Norris (McLaren)
- 3rd – George Russell (Mercedes)



Ambassador for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026

- In a move that celebrates cricketing excellence and legacy, Rohit Sharma has been named the official tournament ambassador for the ICC Men's T20 World

Cup 2026. The prestigious event will be jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka from 7 February to 8 March 2026.

- Two-time T20 World Cup winner – part of India's victorious campaigns in 2007 and 2024.
- Captaincy legacy – led India to the T20 World Cup title in 2024.
- T20I career record – 4,231 runs, average of 32.01, strike rate of 140.89.
- Influential presence – widely respected for his calm leadership and match-winning capabilities.
- Rohit will promote the T20 World Cup 2026 through various campaigns and fan engagement initiatives. His presence will,
- Boost public excitement in host nations
- Serve as a role model for aspiring cricketers
- Highlight India's leadership role in global cricket



ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025

- The ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025 was held from 6 to 18 November 2025 in Cairo, the capital of Egypt. Organised by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), this major international event saw the participation of 720 shooters from 70 National Olympic Committees (NOCs).
- Competitions were held in both individual and team rifle and pistol events, attracting top marksmen and women from across the world.

- India put up a commendable performance, finishing third in the overall medal tally with a total of 13 medals — 3 gold, 6 silver, and 4 bronze. This marked a significant rise in India's stature in global shooting competitions.
- The gold medals for India came from Samrat Rana in the Men's 10m Air Pistol, Ravinder Singh in the Men's 50m Standard Pistol, and the Men's 10m Air Pistol Team.
- Bronze medals for India were earned by Esha Singh again in her individual 10m air pistol event, Elavenil Valarivan in the 10m Air Rifle, Varun Tomar in the 10m Air Pistol, and the Women's 10m Air Rifle Team.
- Among the silver medalists, Anish Bhanwala stood out for his performance in the Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol, where he scored 28 hits in the final and became the first Indian individual pistol shooter to win a medal in an Olympic event at the ISSF World Championships.
- China topped the medal table with 21 medals, including 12 golds, followed by South Korea with 14 medals, of which 7 were gold, and India stood third with 13. Notably, Switzerland and Norway followed close behind, finishing fourth and fifth respectively.



Ahmedabad Officially Secures 2030 Commonwealth Games Hosting

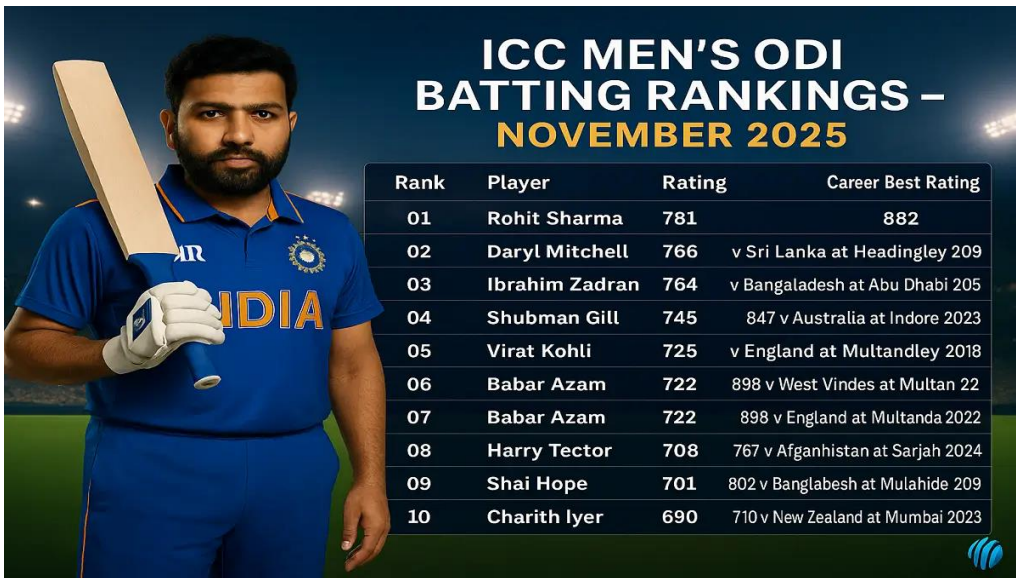
- Ahmedabad has been confirmed as the host city for the 2030 Commonwealth Games, positioning India once again at the center of a major global sporting spectacle.

- With the scars of the **Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games** still fresh in global memory, Indian officials have been emphatic in assuring the world that this time will be different.
- The decision was finalized at the Commonwealth Sport's General Assembly in Glasgow on November 26, 2025, with Ahmedabad's bid edging out Nigeria's Abuja.



Latest ICC Men's ODI Batsmen Rankings

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) regularly updates its player rankings to evaluate performances across all formats — Tests, ODIs, and T20Is. These ICC rankings reflect a player's consistency, form, and overall contribution to matches over time.
- In the latest ICC Men's ODI Rankings (October 2025), India's captain Rohit Sharma climbed to the No. 1 position for the first time in his illustrious career. This remarkable achievement highlights his longevity, consistency, and world-class batting form in 2025.



**ICC MEN'S ODI
BATTING RANKINGS –
NOVEMBER 2025**

Rank	Player	Rating	Career Best Rating
01	Rohit Sharma	781	882
02	Daryl Mitchell	766	v Sri Lanka at Headingley 209
03	Ibrahim Zadran	764	v Bangladesh at Abu Dhabi 205
04	Shubman Gill	745	847 v Australia at Indore 2023
05	Virat Kohli	725	v England at Multandley 2018
06	Babar Azam	722	898 v West Vindes at Multan 22
07	Babar Azam	722	898 v England at Multanda 2022
08	Harry Tector	708	767 v Afghanistan at Sarjah 2024
09	Shai Hope	701	802 v Bangladesh at Mulahide 209
10	Charith Iyer	690	710 v New Zealand at Mumbai 2023

Jakarta Becomes World's Most Populous City

- Jakarta has officially overtaken Tokyo to become the world's most populous city, according to the United Nations' World Urbanisation Prospects 2025 report. With an estimated population of 42 million, the Indonesian capital now leads a list dominated by rapidly expanding Asian megacities.
- This shift comes as a result of the UN's updated criteria, which aim to provide a more standardised and globally comparable framework for defining and measuring urban populations.
- Jakarta (Indonesia) – 42 million
- Dhaka (Bangladesh) – 37 million
- Tokyo (Japan) – 33 million
- Alloys to finished REPMs
- The shift in rankings is attributed to revised urban delimitation criteria by the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Earlier assessments were based on varying national definitions of city boundaries, often favouring cities like Tokyo with expansive administrative coverage.
- Despite dropping in the global rankings, Tokyo remains a major metropolitan hub. Its 33 million residents are spread across the Greater Tokyo Area, which includes Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa prefectures — the latter being home to Yokohama (population: 3.7 million).



REVIEW QUESTIONS

The FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 trophy has been renamed after which Indian chess legend?

- A) R. Praggnanandhaa
- B) Viswanathan Anand
- C) Pentala Harikrishna
- D) Koneru Humpy

Answer: B) Viswanathan Anand

How many times has Australia won the ICC Women's World Cup so far?

- A. Five times
- B. Six times
- C. Seven times
- D. Eight times

Answer: C. Seven times

Which countries have each won the ICC Women's World Cup once?

- A. New Zealand and India
- B. England and New Zealand
- C. India and England

D. Australia and India

Answer: A. New Zealand and India

Which lake in Bihar has been recently declared a Ramsar site?

- A) Kanwar Lake
- B) Gogabeel Lake
- C) Baraila Lake
- D) Udaypur Lake

Answer: B) Gogabeel Lake

The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict is observed under which organization?

- A) UNESCO
- B) United Nations
- C) World Bank
- D) World Health Organization

Answer: B) United Nations

Guru Nanak Jayanti is celebrated to mark the birth of which Sikh Guru?

- A. Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- B. Guru Arjan Dev Ji
- C. Guru Nanak Dev Ji
- D. Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

Answer: C. Guru Nanak Dev Ji

What is another name for Guru Nanak Jayanti?

- A. Baisakhi
- B. Lohri
- C. Gurpurab
- D. Hola Mohalla

Answer: C. Gurpurab

Who received the Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025?

- A) Dr. Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan
- B) Dr. Ritu Malhotra
- C) Dr. Ankit Sinha
- D) Dr. Rajeev Nair

Answer: A) Dr. Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan

What does NHPC Limited primarily deal with?

- A) Thermal Power Generation
- B) Nuclear Power Development
- C) Hydropower Development
- D) Solar Power Projects

Answer: C) Hydropower Development

The 2026 All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) aims to monitor which species?

- A) Leopards
- B) Elephants
- C) Tigers
- D) Rhinoceroses

Answer: C) Tigers

Which of the following statements about India and the UN Water Convention is correct?

- A) India signed the UN Water Convention in 2023
- B) India has not joined the UN Water Convention
- C) India and Pakistan jointly joined the Convention
- D) India withdrew from the Convention in 2022

Answer: B) India has not joined the UN Water Convention

From which airbase did India withdraw, marking a shift in its Central Asia posture?

- A) Farkhor Airbase
- B) Ayni Airbase
- C) Bagram Airbase

D) Termez Airbase

Answer: B) Ayni Airbase

Who won the 2025 Booker Prize for the novel *Flesh*?

A) Margaret Atwood

B) Salman Rushdie

C) David Szalay

D) Arundhati Roy

Answer: C) David Szalay

Which two Odisha beaches received the Blue Flag Certification for 2025–26?

a) Konark and Chandipur

b) Sunapur and Puri

c) Gopalpur and Paradip

d) Rushikulya and Satapada

Answer: b) Sunapur and Puri

What is the theme of World Diabetes Day 2025?

a) "Access to Care"

b) "Preventing Diabetes Worldwide"

c) "Diabetes Across Life Stages"

d) "Better Health for All"

Answer: c) Diabetes Across Life Stages

Ravindra Jadeja recently became the fourth player to achieve which rare double in Test cricket?

A. 3000 runs & 300 wickets

B. 4000 runs & 250 wickets

C. 5000 runs & 200 wickets

D. 4000 runs & 300 wickets

Answer: D. 4000 runs & 300 wickets

Saranda Forest is known as Asia's largest natural forest of which tree species?

- A. Teak
- B. Sal (Shorea robusta)
- C. Bamboo
- D. Pine

Answer: B. Sal (Shorea robusta)

Who won the Valencia Grand Prix in the 2025 MotoGP season?

- A. Francesco Bagnaia
- B. Fabio Quartararo
- C. Marco Bezzecchi
- D. Brad Binder

Answer: C. Marco Bezzecchi

What is the Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2025?

- A. Metaverse
- B. Parasocial
- C. De-influencing
- D. Hybrid work

Answer: B. Parasocial

What is India's ranking in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2026?

- A. 10th
- B. 15th
- C. 23rd
- D. 30th

Answer: C. 23rd

Who won the Miss Universe 2025 crown?

- A. Andrea Meza
- B. R'Bonney Gabriel
- C. Fátima Bosch

D. Harnaaz Sandhu

Answer: C

Lachit Borphukan is celebrated for defeating the Mughals in which famous battle?

- A. Battle of Haldighati
- B. Battle of Saraighat
- C. Battle of Talikota
- D. Battle of Panipat

Answer: B. Battle of Saraighat

According to the UN World Urbanisation Prospects 2025 report, which city became the world's most populous in 2025?

- A. Tokyo
- B. Dhaka
- C. Jakarta
- D. Shanghai

Cyclone Ditwah is expected to affect which regions by November 30, 2025?

- A. Odisha and West Bengal
- B. Kerala and Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and southern Andhra Pradesh
- D. Gujarat and Maharashtra

Answer: C. Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and southern Andhra Pradesh